

Synopsis

Envisioning La Escalera--an underground rebel movement largely composed of Africans living on farms and plantations in rural western Cuba--in the larger context of the long emancipation struggle in Cuba, Aisha Finch demonstrates how organized slave resistance became critical to the unraveling not only of slavery but also of colonial systems of power during the nineteenth century. While the discovery of La Escalera unleashed a reign of terror by the Spanish colonial powers in which hundreds of enslaved people were tortured, tried, and executed, Finch revises historiographical conceptions of the movement as a fiction conveniently invented by the Spanish government in order to target anticolonial activities. Connecting the political agitation stirred up by free people of color in the urban centers to the slave rebellions that rocked the countryside, Finch shows how the rural plantation was connected to a much larger conspiratorial world outside the agrarian sector. While acknowledging the role of foreign abolitionists and white creoles in the broader history of emancipation, Finch teases apart the organization, leadership, and effectiveness of the black insurgents in midcentury dissident mobilizations that emerged across western Cuba, presenting compelling evidence that black women played a particularly critical role.

Book Information

Series: Envisioning Cuba

Paperback: 316 pages

Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press; 1 edition (June 9, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1469622343

ISBN-13: 978-1469622347

Product Dimensions: 6.3 x 0.9 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #372,521 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #87 in [Books > History >](#)

[Americas > Caribbean & West Indies > Cuba](#) #154 in [Books > History > World > Slavery &](#)

[Emancipation](#) #260 in [Books > Textbooks > Humanities > History > Latin America](#)

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Rethinking Slave Rebellion in Cuba: La Escalera and the Insurgencies of 1841-1844 (Envisioning Cuba) Cuba: Cuba On My Mind: Cuba From Columbus To Fidel Castro (Cuba, Fidel Castro, Cuba straits, Cuba travel guide, Cuban missile crisis, Havana storm, Havana bay) Field Manual FM 3-24

MCWP 3-33.5 Insurgencies and Countering Insurgencies May 2014 The 1812 Aponte Rebellion in Cuba and the Struggle against Atlantic Slavery (Envisioning Cuba) Visions of Power in Cuba: Revolution, Redemption, and Resistance, 1959-1971 (Envisioning Cuba) A Nation for All: Race, Inequality, and Politics in Twentieth-Century Cuba (Envisioning Cuba) Antiracism in Cuba: The Unfinished Revolution (Envisioning Cuba) From Rainforest to Cane Field in Cuba: An Environmental History since 1492 (Envisioning Cuba) Chinese Cubans: A Transnational History (Envisioning Cuba) Crowns of Glory, Tears of Blood: The Demerara Slave Rebellion of 1823 Cry Liberty: The Great Stono River Slave Rebellion of 1739 (New Narratives in American History) The Life and Times of Menelik II: Ethiopia 1844-1913 Slave Life in Virginia and Kentucky: A Narrative by Francis Fedric, Escaped Slave (Library of Southern Civilization) The Guiana Travels of Robert Schomburgk 1835-1844: Volume I: Explorations on Behalf of the Royal Geographical Society 1835-1839 (Hakluyt Society, Third Series) The SLAVE TRADE: THE STORY OF THE ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE: 1440 - 1870 La Escalera Al Cielo/ The Stairway to Heaven (The Earth Chronicles, 2) (Spanish Edition) Historia De Una Escalera Las Meninas (Literatura) (Spanish Edition) Escalera de la Predicaci3n, La Historia Del Reino De Quito En La America Meridional: La Historia Antigua. 1841 (Spanish Edition) Sketches of Life in Chile, 1841-1851 (Library of Latin America)

[Dmca](#)